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COLA A. M. STOUT.

MONDAY, JULY 24, 1865.

A QUESTION THAT DESERVES ATTENTION.

The Louisville Journal thinks that whenever an amendment of the Constitution is proposed to it, the alternative is, adopt it or fight.

Louisville Democrat.

See how the opponents of the Constitutional Amendment made the question, is it so much practical importance for the people of Kentucky to understand as to the course they intended to pursue in case they should obtain a majority in the next Legislature against the proposed amendment. They will not say whether, in the contingency mentioned, they will back down from their position or whether they will rest the national government in causing the Constitution to be obeyed in all the States. They will give the people no light upon the subject. They studiously evade it, dodge the question. There are more than 100,000 of them who will have a majority in the next Legislature. Then the question of surrendering their position of opposition to the government which they have assumed, or of maintaining that position by force, will come immediately before them, and they will be compelled to adopt one of the two courses. There is no escape from it. They may wriggle and twist now, but they will be compelled to take either the case will now be resolved, at every turn, and the will be obliged to act as whether they wish or not. There is, there can be no alternative. They must back down or fight. And let us return to see what they will do. It is to commit the destiny of the State to men who the present day refuse upon a great practical question, a question that deeply concerns every man, woman, and child in Kentucky, to give the smallest clue to the course they intend to take?

What is the position of their candidates for the Legislature upon this question? What position do their candidates for Congress take in reference to it? Will they speak out and let the people know? Their organ here does not answer. Is there dare satisfy the just demands of the people for information upon a vital point? Have they courage to speak out? Do they intend to plunge the State into the vortex of civil war, to get the control of the new government, without letting the people have anything of it beforehand? If so, then indeed, after making a great blunder about State rights and secession and all that, to sacrifice those "rights" and "liberties?" Is that the game of hunting they are playing? Do all their hangups mean no more than that?

While on this subject we may as well notice another question which the Democrats of this city has put forth to the people and ministry what nobody can fail to comprehend who wishes to know the truth. We may follow up our first question with a second. Who is the author of this?

With due respect to General Bell's opinion, whether the fai has gone forth or not, or where it went to, the question of the Constitutional amendment is not for any such State.

The same non-slavery States that have not yet adopted the amendment—Iowa, California, and Oregon. There is but one even that can prevent its ratification by the Legislature of those States, and that is their failure to meet.

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